

Appn No. 10/749,577

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-34 remain pending in this application. Applicants have amended claim 32 solely to correct a minor, inadvertent, typographical error. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to update the status of the referenced parent applications, as requested by the Examiner. The amendments find full support in the original specification claims and drawings. No new matter is presented. In light of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants submit that all of pending claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully request a timely indication of allowance.

In the Office action, the Examiner objected to the term "55 °" in claim 32 as allegedly vague. Applicants have without prejudice amended this term to "55°." In light of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's objection.

Finally, the Examiner rejected all of claims 1-34 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-82 of U.S. Patent No. 6,628,976. However, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-34 would be allowable upon the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer. In that regard, Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c).

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of pending claims 1-34, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request a timely indication of allowance. However, if there are

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any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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